

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 101.0084-00000

Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/457,228

Filed: December 8, 1999

For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE
CONFIGURATION

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated January 9, 2002, please amend the application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite the claims (with changes as shown in the attachment) to read as
follows:

57. (Twice amended) An interbody spinal Implant for insertion between
adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, said implant comprising:

a leading end for introduction of said spinal implant into the spine, an opposite
trailing end, spaced apart sides therebetween, and a longitudinal axis passing through
said leading and trailing ends;

opposite upper and lower surfaces between said leading and trailing ends and
said spaced apart sides, said upper surface adapted for placement in engagement with

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